

**ABSTRACT**

Oligonucleotide-folate conjugates are described wherein folates are conjugated to one or more sites on an oligonucleotide including the 2'-, 3'-, 5'-, nucleobase and  
5 internucleotide linkage sites. The folate can be attached via the  $\alpha$ - or  $\gamma$ -carboxylate, optionally through a linking group. Methods for the regiospecific synthesis of the conjugates are disclosed. Also disclosed are nucleosidic and non-nucleosidic linkers conjugated to folic acid and related  
10 folates.